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PARIS FOR THE ATTENTION OF THE SECRETARY AND ATHERTON

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV PBOR JO US XF
SUBJ: BRIEFING FOR BEGIN AND DAYAN RE HUSSEIN'S AND SADAT'S
VIEWS

1. WHEN I SAW DAYAN JAN 2, HE MADE CLEAR HE HOPED
VERY MUCH TO HAVE FROM US A SUMMARY OF THE VIEWS
HUSSEIN EXPRESSED IN TEHRAN, AND WOULD ALSO BE LOOKING
FORWARD TO A REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S STOPS IN RIYADH
AND CAIRO. ISRAELI PRESS IS REPORTING TODAY THAT THE
PRESIDENT TELEPHONED BEGIN AFTER HIS MEETINGS WITH
SADAT AND PROMISED HIM A FULLER REPORT VIA EMBASSY
CHANNELS WITHIN A DAY OR TWO. I ASSUME, THEREFORE, THAT
I WILL BE GETTING MATERIAL ON WHICH I CAN BRIEF BEGIN
AND DAYAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE. SINCE PRESS SPECULATION
IS VERY ACUTE HERE ABOUT THESE RECENT CONVERSATIONS,
THE SOONER I CAN BRIEF THEM THE BETTER TO AVOID UNFOR-
TUNATE EXAGGERATIONS OR SPECULATION FROM HAVING UN-
DESIRABLE EFFECTS. PRESUMABLY THE PRESIDENT'S TELEPHONE
CALL WOULD ALLEVIATE SOME OF THAT CONCERN, BUT WOULD
NOT TOTALLY ELIMINATE IT.

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2. SECTO 13052 PROVIDED ME AND OTHER AMBASSADORS WITH
A VERY HELPFUL SUMMARY OF KING HUSSEIN'S VIEWS. I HOPE
THAT I MIGHT BE ABLE TO BRIEF ISRAELIS ON SELECTED
PORTIONS OF THAT MESSAGE AND REQUEST PERMISSION TO DO
SO. IN PARTICULAR, PARA TEN QUOTES HUSSEIN AS REFERRING
TO A POSSIBLE "FORM OF SELF-DETERMINATION WHICH DID NOT
ALLOW FOR AN INDEPENDENT STATE." IT WOULD BE USEFUL

FOR THE ISRAELIS TO KNOW THAT HUSSEIN WAS TALKING ALONG
THESE LINES. ON THE OTHER HAND, I DO NOT RPT NOT THINK
WE SHOULD MENTION TO THE ISRAELIS ANYTHING ABOUT A
"UNIFIED ARAB DELEGATION" AT THIS STAGE. WHILE THEY
EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED THE CONCEPT IN THE US-ISRAELI
WORKING PAPER, IT REMAINS A HIGHLY SENSITIVE ISSUE HERE.
SINCE IT IS NOT A RELEVANT ISSUE FOR THE IMMEDIATE
FUTURE, IT WOULD BE BEST IF WE DID NOT REOPEN IT RIGHT
NOW. LEWIS

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